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PROSPERITY NEWS FOR HERALD AND NEWS READERS

The Bowers Family Hold Reunion. Fine Hogs of V. E. Kohn—A Lovely Rook Party.

Special to The Herald and News.

Prosperity, Aug. 4.—A lovely morning affair was the rook party given Wednesday morning by Mrs. E. W. Werts in honor of her niece, Miss Mary Baker of Greenwood. The porch was made cozy with ferns, and cut flowers, where four tables of rook were played. Miss Lazette Counts won first prize, a box of stationery, while the consolation fell to Miss Ella Merchant. A pleasant morning was made more pleasant by the service of ices and cake by little Miss Mary Barre and Catherine Werts.

The Young People's society of Grace church had a most enjoyable outing on Tuesday afternoon when they motored to Brown's grove on a picnic. Rev. and Mrs. Chas. J. Shealy were the honor guests.

The annual Bowers reunion was held Wednesday at the old home place now owned by J. Lindsey Bowers. The following families were present: J. Lindsey Bowers and family, N. E. Bowers and family, Mrs. Sammie Bowers and family, Mr. Pierce Bowers and family, Mr. George Bowers of Plains, Ga. These with the grandchildren and great grandchildren made a total of 94 present. The honor guest was Rev. Chas. J. Shealy. A most bountiful and delightful picnic dinner was served under the spreading oaks.

Prof. and Mrs. L. A. Sease of Clemson College are visiting Dr. G. Y. Hunter.

Mr. V. E. Kohn left Saturday for Columbia to complete arrangements for the Hampshire hog sale which he holds at the State fair grounds on Wednesday. Mr. Kohn shipped two car loads of Hampshires for this sale, which he raised on his farm about two miles from town. There is one hog in the lot which will bring around \$500. Mr. S. J. Kohn, father of this prosperous young farmer, will leave Monday for Columbia to be present at the sale.

Miss Mira Hunter has returned from Clemson College. Her cousin, Miss Helen Sease, came home with her.

Miss Ruby Wheeler reached home Thursday after having attended the summer school at Charlottesville, Va.

The annual Aull reunion will be held Tuesday, August 5, at Young's grove.

J. C. Taylor and Mrs. Taylor spent Monday with Mrs. A. G. Wise.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Taylor have rooms in the Bowers house now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. J. B. T. Scott.

Mrs. Jacob S. Wheeler has as her guests her sisters, Mrs. Morrow of Florida, Mrs. Agnes Fayssoux and Miss Liza Bell Curlee and her mother, Mrs. Curlee of Winnsboro.

Dr. O. B. Simpson made a professional visit to Columbia on Saturday.

Dr. and Mrs. G. A. Pugh and children of Columbia college are visiting the former's mother, Mrs. Caroline Pugh.

Mrs. Carrie McWaters left Saturday for Washington where she will take a special course at a corset school. From Washington she will go on to New York for a visit to her brother, Mr. William Kinard.

Miss Mary DeWalt Hunter has gone North for several weeks' stay.

A. R. Kohn of Columbia visited his parents last Friday and Saturday.

The Newberry college reunion at Little Mountain was well attended by people from Prosperity and the surrounding country.

Mrs. J. O. Hipp and children of Charlotte are visiting Mrs. George Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Amick and daughter of Chappells are the guests of Mrs. Harriet Harman.

Miss Grace Reagin is spending the week in Newberry with Miss Sudie Dennis.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Schumpert of Youngs Island arrived Friday for a visit to relatives.

Miss Marguerite Wise of the Columbia hospital is spending her vacation with her mother, Mrs. Rosa Lester.

Dr. and Mrs. Rinehardt of Pine-wood, en route to Saluda, spent Wed-

nesday here with friends. Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Wise have returned from a short stay to Columbia.

Messrs. B. T. Young, Johnie Hawkins, W. J. Wise and J. A. Counts motored to Columbia on Wednesday. Mr. J. B. Stockman and family have returned from Columbia. While there Miss-Ruth Stockman had her tonsils removed.

Mrs. Isadore Ruff has returned to Florida after a visit to her son, Mr. Will Ruff.

Miss Gladys Hiers returned on Tuesday to Georgetown, accompanied by Miss Doris Kohn.

Miss Thelma Gaddy of Bessimer City, N. C., is the guest of Mrs. Virgil Kohn.

Master Allen Wise Taylor of Batesburg, en route to Walhalla, spent Tuesday with his grandfather, Mr. A. G. Wise.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Morris spent Tuesday in Columbia.

Messrs. George Merchant of Mayesville and Pauline Counts of Greenwood are the house guests of Miss Alma Gibson.

Miss Annie Laurie Lester and Maj. Allen Lester spent several days during the past week in Columbia with their sister, Miss Lena Lester.

Mrs. Nellie Hunt has returned from Franklin, N. C.

B. T. Barnes and Mrs. Barnes are visiting in Little Mountain.

Miss Rebecca Harmon is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. B. Harmon of Ninety-Six.

Day Werts has returned from a short visit to his aunt, Mrs. J. B. Bedenbaugh of Pomaria.

Miss Eunice Long spent Wednesday in Columbia.

Mrs. F. E. Schumpert is spending the week-end in Columbia.

Dr. E. N. Kibler has returned from a month's stay to Glenn Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Omerle Lorick of Columbia are the guests of Mrs. Walter Wise.

Misses Mary DeWalt and Ruth Hunter have returned from several days in Columbia with Mrs. Hunter at the Columbia hospital.

Miss Bess Bowers left Thursday for Columbia for the mastoid operation.

Mrs. J. A. Counts spent Thursday and Friday in Columbia.

Ex-Gov. R. I. Manning, Mrs. Manning and son of Sumter were guests at the Wise hotel on Friday.

Mr. J. K. Mayfield has returned to Denmark after a short visit to Mr. S. S. Birge.

Miss Erin Taylor of Bachman Chapel is visiting Mrs. Lois Dominick.

Ernest Dominick has returned from several weeks' stay to Saluda.

Mr. E. L. Luther and family returned on Saturday to their home in Columbia.

Mrs. J. F. Browne will reach home this week after a month's stay in Virginia and North Carolina.

Mrs. Ralph Ward returned to York, Pa., with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Hake.

Mr. George Merchant of Mayesville is spending a while with his daughter, Mrs. Ira Gibson.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoke, Ruth Hoke of Rockton spent the week-end with Mrs. J. L. May.

LeRoy Fellers of Columbia was home for Sunday.

Lieut. Luther Bowers reached home Wednesday after having seen service over seas.

Miss Annie Redford of Clemson College is visiting Miss Sara Haynes.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Markt and Mr. R. L. White arrived Sunday by automobile from Atlanta for a visit to their many relatives and friends.

Mrs. J. I. Oxford of Rock Mount, Ga. and her son, Vernon Wallace of New York are the guests of Mrs. George W. Harmon.

Mr. F. N. Calmes left Saturday for several days stay to Laurens.

Mr. Pierce Scott, en route to Newberry from Goldsboro, N. C., stopped over for a short visit to his father, Mr. J. B. T. Scott.

Miss Elizabeth May of Columbia spent the week-end at home.

Dr. and Mrs. J. I. Bedenbaugh and Mr. J. A. Price left Sunday for Lynchburg, Va., where Dr. Bedenbaugh will visit the Piedmont Motor car factory.

Mr. C. M. Simpson has returned to Richmond after a visit to Mrs. Simpson at the home of Mrs. J. Sidney Wheeler.

SWEARINGEN TELLS OF THE CAMPAIGN

On the Outcome of Which Depends Whether South Carolina Shall or Not Be Illiterate.

Is South Carolina to be literate or illiterate? Is the blight of ignorance to be lifted from our people? Is the progressive and enlightened Christian citizenship of the State content to tolerate long an environment of illiteracy or near illiteracy? Shall there remain among us so large a group of forgotten and unlettered men and women, shall these folk be taught the rudiments of education that should have been given them in their childhood? Shall the mistakes and omissions of the past stand uncorrected or shall these errors be remedied now so far as possible? Let the teachers, preachers, editors, physicians, club women and other thoughtful leaders answer.

The hour has struck for action. An aroused public conscience has recognized the evil. Every consideration of unselfish Christian service as well as of State pride warns against further procrastination and urges to immediate efforts. Words enough have been spoken and written. The work not only invites but challenges every man and woman who can lend a hand and become a worker.

Adult schools for illiterates and night schools for near illiterates ought to be unnecessary in democracy. If the State's educational system were properly organized, financed and operated, even the illiterate child ought to be impossible. But the correction of these public school weaknesses concerns only the young. Ordinarily, the invitation of the public school reaches the growing generation. Its opportunities seldom belong to men and women who come to maturity without mastering the tools and the rudiments of knowledge. These improvements must come before South Carolina's educational system can accomplish its full work. But to wait for these improvements now is to condemn thousands to continued illiteracy and to fasten upon the State the blight and the reproach of ignorance.

The Statewide compulsory attendance law of 1919 is the first step in the right direction. The illiteracy appropriation of \$25,000 should prove equally helpful in reaching adults.

Mr. Fred Schumpert of Dallas, Texas, is visiting his brothers, Messrs. F. E. and J. C. Schumpert.

Mrs. Frank Merchant and Miss Ruby Mae Merchant of Newberry are visiting Mrs. John Crosson.

Mrs. Warren of Sailsburg, Md., is spending a while with her daughter, Mrs. O. B. Simpson.

Alvin Bedenbaugh spent Sunday in Greenwood.

Mr. Hampton Boozer has returned to Ninety-Six after a visit to Mrs. J. B. Stockman.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Grant of Saluda are visiting relatives here.

Mr. W. B. Wise of Little Mountain spent the week-end with his brother, Mr. A. G. Wise.

Mrs. V. E. Kohn and her guest Miss Gaddy are spending a few days in Columbia.

Mrs. Sam Spence of Columbia and Miss Ellie Cameron of Saluda spent the week-end with Mrs. Jim Hunt.

Mr. J. N. Stribling spent Sunday with friends in Clinton.

Mr. S. S. Birge is spending a few days in Columbia.

Mr. J. D. Hunt has gone to Kershaw on business.

All members are requested to be present at the August meeting of the William Lester chapter U. D. C., which meets Tuesday afternoon at 6 o'clock with Mrs. J. H. Crosson.

Major Allen Lester who is a direct descendant of Col. William Lester, for whom the chapter is named, will make an address.

No services will be held in Grace church during the month of August.

George Lyles, one of Prosperity's most respected negroes, died Tuesday at the State hospital, Columbia, after several months' illness.

Lyles was a leader among his race, and before losing his health was town barber, ran an undertaking business and owned land in Prosperity and a farm near here. The funeral was held at Shilo Methodist church on Wednesday afternoon. Many floral offerings were sent by the white friends of the deceased.

Nevertheless, the prime need is not money, but men and women who will be ashamed not only to make their own mark, but to have around them fellow beings who are forced to make their mark. The stigma of a cross after the name of any democratic voter should make him resolve to learn to write his signature before 1920. The records of the draft act show hundreds of South Carolina boys who wholly untaught and hopelessly ignorant could not render desirable and expected service to their country in the hour of peril. Should not these men be taught? The dangers to the State and to society which lurk in their groping blindness are clearly seen in the shipwreck and torture of Russian. The colleges, the schools, the churches and the press have pledged their support to the intensive campaign to be conducted from July, 1919, through June, 1920. The lay by schools in August are offered to the farmers because August is our holiday month. The State department of education is seeking to teach 10,000 men and women to write their names before September 1st. This can be accomplished only through the individual personal help of an army of workers. The campaign may be conducted in the kitchen, in the nursery, in the barnyard, in the work shop, in the store. The priest and Levite may not see from the distant side of the road and may pass on. The Good Samaritan will not have to travel far to find his illiterate neighbor and to lend a hand. Who among us loves the cause and loves South Carolina enough to help?

J. E. Swearingen.

COTTON CONDITION IS GIVEN AS 67.1; 11,016,000 BALES

Washington, Aug. 1.—A cotton production of 11,016,000 bales this year was forecast today by the department of agriculture, basing its estimate on the condition of the crop July 25, which it announced as 67.1 per cent of a normal.

A forecast of 10,986,000 bales was made last month on conditions existing June 25. Last year's crop was 12,040,532 bales.

The condition of the crop June 25 was 70.0 per cent. of a normal and on July 25 a year ago it was 73.6, while the ten-year July 25 average is 76.1.

Condition July 25, by States, follows:

Virginia	80
North Carolina	76
South Carolina	71
Georgia	67
Florida	60
Alabama	64
Mississippi	63
Louisiana	52
Texas	67
Arkansas	63
Tennessee	67
Missouri	67
Oklahoma	75
California	100
Arizona	93

TRIBUTE TO LEVER FROM BOTH PARTIES

Republican and Democratic Leaders Express Regret Over His Departure.

Lewis Wood in Columbia Record. Washington, Aug. 1.—Regret is expressed by Republican as well as Democratic leaders that Representative Lever is soon to leave his seat in the house.

"Mr. Lever is one of the most industrious, conscientious, efficient and useful legislators in the entire House," said Mr. Gillett, the Republican speaker to the Record correspondent today. "Personally he is exceedingly a greeable and courteous. He has achieved for himself unusual influence, and will be greatly missed by both sides of the house."

Claude Kitchin, the former Democratic leader was quite as sincere in his praise of Mr. Lever.

"Everybody in the house is sorry to see him go," he said. "He has been one of the hardest and most untiring workers that has ever come to congress, and one of the pleasantest to deal with. He is a credit to his party, and to the house."

Mr. Lever expects to leave the house about August 3.

The Eskimo is the name of a magazine published at Nome, Alaska, for the Eskimos of Uncle Sam's settlements.

SAYS COMBINATION AGAINST FARMERS

Wannamaker Says He Has Startling Information.

J. Skottowe Wannamaker, president of the American Cotton Association issued the following yesterday: "We see a great deal in the papers about the great packers. True, with the information before us, we realize that it is necessary to enact laws to curb their power; that neither the producer nor the consumer are getting a square deal. These great packers are an illustration of the power of wealth."

"However, this is only a note that we are so much excited over. The mighty beam we overlook. The greatest combination of wealth; the greatest interlocking of mighty corporations; the most powerful trust and combination in the world today is used against the cotton producer. I am not given to idle words. I speak with facts in my possession."

"Who control the compasses? What connection is there between the compresses and railroads? What interlocking of firms and individuals of the great cotton brokers is there in New York? True the cotton producer is 'between the devil and the deep blue sea'—the New England and foreign spinner on one hand; the combine of mighty wealth and the interlocking of powerful firms and individuals in their business dealings on the other."

"Through this campaign I have secured information that is a revelation to me. Strange to say much of this information is given me in the strictest confidence. The men who give it refuse to permit the use of their names; although they realize fully the damning results of these combines. They realize fully that it has caused the producer to be robbed of millions; that it has resulted in those who formed these combine profiteering upon the miseries of the producer for, lo, these many years; that it has chained down the prosperity of the South; that it has resulted in bringing great wealth to other sections."

"Oh for a tongue to curse the slave, Whose reason, like a deadly blight, Comes o'er the councils of the brake, And blasts them in their hour of night."

"With informatoin before me I beg my countrymen to organize. It is their only salvation. With a strong and thorough organization we can cope with this mighty combine. Other producers have done it. Some day some men will be found with manhood, courage and devotion enough to reveal this iniquity. Had it not been for this combine the South would today be in a far different condition. Men, women and children who have struggled, toiled and merely existed; who have been laid to rest without the necessities, to say nothing of the comforts, of life; branded with illiteracy; cursed with poverty; would have enjoyed the prosperity and wealth justly due them."

"Truth crushed to earth shall rise again; The eternal years of God are hers; But error, wounded, writhes with pain, And dies among his worshippers."

"J. S. Wannamaker, 'President American Cotton Association.'"

10,000 PERSONS SHOULD BE TAUGHT THIS YEAR

Teachers Asked to Give Time at the Season When Farm Work is Slack and People Have Time to Attend the Schools.

By Wil Lou Gray.

Since many of the best teachers are available now and since August is a vacation month, the State department of education is recommending that "lay-by" schools for teaching adults to read and write be established throughout the State. The 1920 census will soon be taken. It is hoped that this campaign will reduce our illiteracy by at least 10,000, the quota of each county being 218.

These schools may be taught any hour during the day at any place, such as school house, church, porch, or out of doors. The time and place should be determined by the needs

of the locality and the preference of the people.

Emphasis will be placed on teaching beginners to read, write and figure. No work above the third grade will be given during the session for beginners, for they should have the undivided attention of the teacher. If a group wishes more advanced work a separate class taught at different hours should be organized.

Any teacher holding a valid certificate or any person recommended to the State department of education in writing by the county superintendent of education may organize a school.

An adult can be taught the rudiments of writing in twelve lessons, therefore, twelve lessons of not less than one and a half hours each will be considered a month's work. Schools may be held on consecutive or alternate days.

At the close of twelve days teachers may continue work on into another community as conditions determine.

The following books are recommended for use:

Miss Anna Wilson Steward's "Country Life Reader," Book 1. B. F. Johnson Publishing Co., Richmond, Va. Price 30c.

The Camp Arithmetic. (Roehm & Buchanan). National War Work Council; Y. M. C. A., Atlanta, Ga. Price 10c.

Hunt's Speller, R. L. Bryan Co., Columbia, S. C.

Each teacher should have a copy of the Camp Reader from the National War Work Council, Atlanta, as an aid for teaching phonics. In addition to the "three R's" the teacher should discuss current events with the pupils. Once a week there should be an especially prepared civics lesson dealing with the common problems of citizenship.

Teachers will be paid not more than one dollar per hour and not less than one dollar per daily session by the State, provided the enrollment is ten, and an average attendance of 50 per cent is maintained. If the enrollment is less than ten the pay will be in proportion. A teacher may teach five hours per day, but may not teach any one section more than two and a half hours. The time should be divided between morning afternoon and evening classes.

Pupils must attend three nights to be enrolled. Day pupils under fourteen are not permitted to come to the adult schools. All others will be welcomed.

Two copies of all reports relative to the schools should be filed, one with the county superintendent and one with the State supervisor of adult schools.

The above plan makes it possible for a teacher to select two good centers for work. If two classes of ten pupils each are taught at each center three days a week for one month the salary should amount to \$96.

Two prizes, each consisting of a thousand mile railroad ticket will be given to the teacher teaching the largest number of adults to read and write.

For further information write the supervisor of adult schools, Columbia, S. C.

He Knew About It.

Columbus Dispatch.

The other evening while doing home work the small son of a minister was arguing and trying to convince himself that "congregate" and "collect" meant the same thing, for that was what his teacher had told him.

Into the argument, which the minister father could not hear but overhear, the said father broke:

"What's that you are saying? That congregate and collect are the same word?"

"That's what teacher said."

"Quite wrong," replied the father.

"You tell the teacher she's quite wrong. There is all the difference in the world between a 'congregation' and a 'collection.'"

They Couldn't Help It.

Two friends met in the Strand the morning after an airplane raid.

"Any damage done your way?" the first asked.

"Damage. Rather," answered the other. "Father and mother were blown clean out of the window. The neighbors say it's the first time they've been seen to leave the house together in 17 years."